

# Why Obama Wants To Regulate The Internet

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## **Government gains power through the ignorance, rather than the consent, of those governed**

The mainstream media's declining influence is motivating the federal government to regulate the Internet because controlling information is the most powerful way to control the public.

The U.S. mainstream media, which is [predominantly owned by six corporations with close ties to the government](#), is used by the establishment to control public opinion, but for the past several years it has lost influence as the public seeks alternative sources of information.

“Just a handful of global news corporations can, in one day, make billions of people around the world simultaneously aware of something that was completely unknown the day before,” Joseph Plummer [wrote in Tragedy & Hope 101](#). “With this kind of power, the Network [the establishment] can choose to spread any lie, or withhold any truth, that it chooses.”

“At the end of the day, if people aren't looking beyond the Network's instruments for their information, they cannot expect to know what the Network doesn't want them to know.”

And that's why the government is targeting Internet-based independent press: to reduce the mainstream media's competition.

The establishment media's decline has been nothing short of legendary.

From Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013, for example, the ratings for CNN and MSNBC in the 25 to 54-year-old demographic dropped [59%](#) and [52%](#) respectively, and in 2013 [the combined median prime-time viewership of CNN, Fox News and MSNBC dropped 11%](#).

“Mainstream media executives appear to be optimistic they can reverse these declines at some point, but they simply don't realize there has been a fundamental paradigm shift when it comes to the news media in the United States,” social commentator Michael Snyder [wrote](#). “The general population has lost a tremendous amount of faith in the mainstream media.”

“They are increasingly becoming aware it is deeply controlled by the establishment.”

This has raised concerns among establishment insiders, who gain power through the ignorance, rather than the consent, of those governed, and recently the [federal government announced its plan to explore ways to regulate free speech on the Internet](#).

“A key Democrat on the Federal Election Commission called for burdensome new rules on Internet-based campaigning, prompting the Republican chairman to warn that Democrats want to regulate online political sites and even news media [like the Drudge Report](#),” Paul Bedard of the [Washington Examiner reported](#). “Democratic FEC Vice Chair Ann M. Ravel announced plans to begin the process to win regulations on Internet-based campaigns and videos, currently free from most of the FEC’s rules.”

Simply put, this is a power grab designed to destroy individual rights in favor of subordination to the ruling elite, which is exactly what the Meiji oligarchy did in 1889 when it returned to power in Japan.

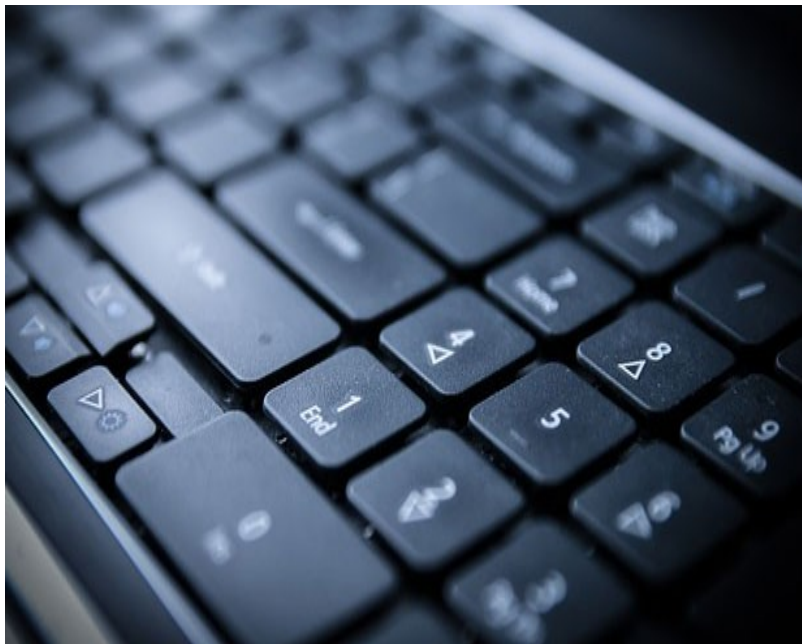
“Like all ruling classes, the Meiji maintained control by indoctrinating the masses in an ideology that served the oligarchs’ interests,” Joseph Plummer also wrote. “Specifically, they propagated the Shinto ideology, which called for subordination to the emperor.”

“The Japanese people accepted this Shinto ideology, and as a result the Meiji oligarchy was able to ruthlessly exploit them in the emperor’s name.”

And if the American people accept this attack on free speech, they too will be ruthlessly exploited in Obama’s name.

## Obama Set To Announce Executive Order On Cybersecurity Threat Data

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President Barack Obama is expected to announce an executive order directing the government and companies to share more information about cybersecurity threats in response to attacks like that on Sony Entertainment.

As in other policy areas where Obama has been unable to get legislation through the now Republican-controlled Congress, the White House is turning to more limited administrative actions to advance its agenda as much as it can.

The announcement could be tonight or tomorrow, when the U.S. president speaks at a daylong conference on cybersecurity at Stanford University in the heart of Silicon Valley, according to

three participants in the conference.

The move comes as big Silicon Valley companies prove hesitant to fully support more mandated

cybersecurity information sharing without reforms to government surveillance practices exposed by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden.

"We are certainly hearing that an executive order may be announced," Nuala O'Connor, president of the technology lobbying group Center for Democracy & Technology, said as she boarded a plane en route to the event.

A new government center for cybersecurity, announced earlier this week by Obama's top homeland security advisor, could play a key role in the process. But the Stanford attendees said they did not have details.

The White House declined to comment.

Cybersecurity industry veterans said Obama's anticipated order would be only a modest step in one of the president's major priorities - the defense of companies from attacks like those on Sony and Anthem Inc.

Administration officials have said they would prefer legislation that would require more information sharing and limit any legal liability for companies that share too much. They have said that an executive order could not limit liability.

But getting anything through Congress on the subject has proven a daunting task. That is unlikely to get much better without at least the support of big Silicon Valley companies such as Google Inc and Facebook Inc.

Those companies, however, have refused to give full-throated support to cybersecurity bills without some reform of surveillance practices exposed by Snowden that have hurt U.S. technology companies' efforts to win business in other countries.

No grand bargain between the administration and the Valley companies has been reached, according to O'Connor and an executive at a major technology company.

For that reason, and the fact they have not seen the text of the planned executive order, top companies Google, Facebook and Yahoo are not sending their chief executives to the Stanford conference, the executive said. Apple Inc Chief Executive Tim Cook is one of the few household names that is speaking, and that company declined to comment.

In a private meeting with Obama Friday, though, some of the leading executives are expected to press again for surveillance reform and support for strong encryption, which some in the administration have faulted recently on the grounds that it enables criminals and terrorists to hide their activity.

Big technology companies and a host of startups have been beefing up encryption in Snowden's wake to make blanket intelligence collection overseas more difficult.



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